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DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION INC.
Next regular meeting:
Thursday, October 18, 1979
7:30 p.m. at Tom Dodd's
46 E. Cross, third floor

Observations

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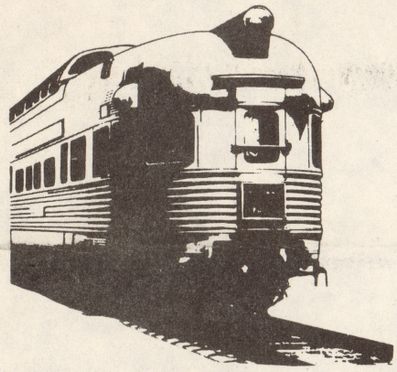
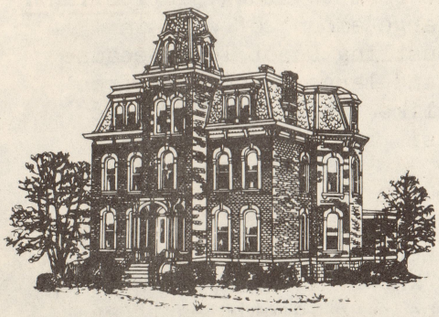


Summer may be over, but the DPW is not through with this neighborhood yet. The Cross & River intersection walks are newly paved and planted and a new/old stock yard fence is going up along the tracks from Cross to the freight house. DPW is also installing curbs in the Alibi-Market lot.

Milton Barnes still offers his nostalgic cassette tapes of Depot Town at only $3 each. Great gifts. Call him at 482-8685.

HERITAGE ART GALLERY opened in Old Town Hall on October 8. Sun Graphics & Publications have initiated this creative endeavor. They did the Heritage Festival logo.



Hooker & Gorley have done a nice job on OLD TOWN HALL so far, but the only way we can annex them to Depot Town is to re-route the Huron River past their front door. They are still on the West Side otherwise.

The YPSILANTI HERITAGE FOUNDATION features five "Old House Clinics." Next one is November 27 at 8pm at the Presbyterian Church. Topic: REsearching the old house, how to discover its age and history.

MOST PEOPLE ARE IN FAVOR OF PROGRESS; IT'S THE CHANGES THEY DON'T LIKE.
...author unknown

"All the news in one block in one month"

NO C.E.T.A. FOLK TO CLEAN OR SHOVEL SIDEWALKS. The day after the Heritage Festival saw five owner/managers out in front of their businesses first thing in the a.m. cleaning their walks. This is not Gault Village or Arborland. Clean your own.

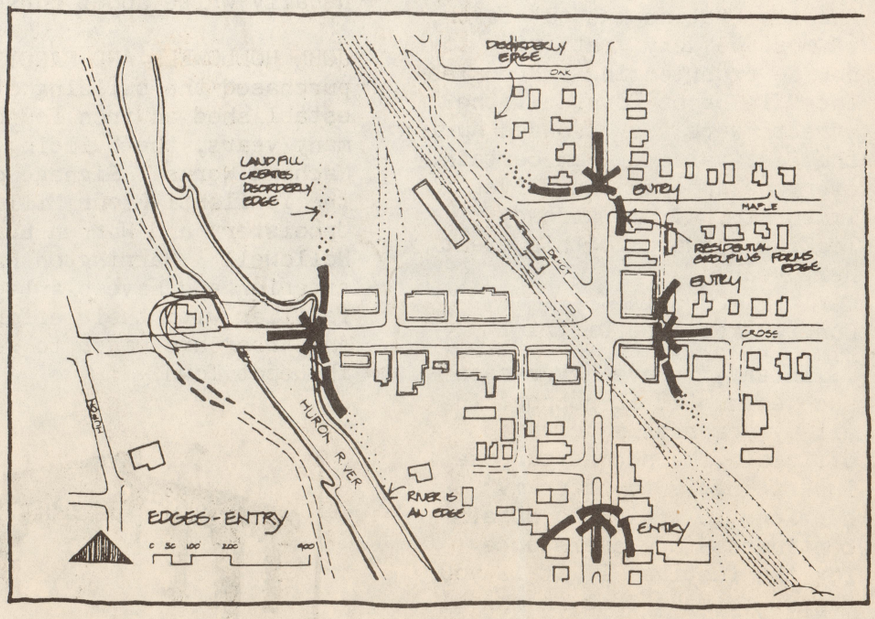
FARMERS' MARKET AREA SAW SUCH PROGRESS IN RECENT MONTHS that the recent Animal House antics and vandalism are regretted by all. If your business or residence faces out that way, the police will resond to a call within two minutes. (483-2311)

SOUTH-SIDE-OF-CROSS PARKING PLANNING BEGINS NOW. Some politicos have been button-holed recently, but we need to be much more pragmatic and direct. South-siders may wish to attend the October meeting and make their wishes known.

HOW SHALL WE RENUMBER THE BLOCK? (2nd call) Public utilities and other services have told us that the system is up to us, and we have one year to plan it, one year to implement it. Several plan to bring drawings and plans to the October meeting.

REAR VIEW OF FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES and STANDARD PRINTING LOOKS GREAT. New trim color, new fire escape covering. Seems the Market color is RED, RED, RED. Thanks to the Hansen's and the Eagles' for electricity for the DTA coffee wagon, also.

THE MUCH-APPRECIATED COFFEE WAGON was made a reality by Nancy Trammell who did the necessary hustle to make it official and regular. Nancy staffs it every Wednesday and Friday. Want to help? She' easy to find.



Another DTA priority for this year is making the entrances to the district more obvious. Here's how Preservation/Urban/Design saw the issue in the "Depot Town Plan".

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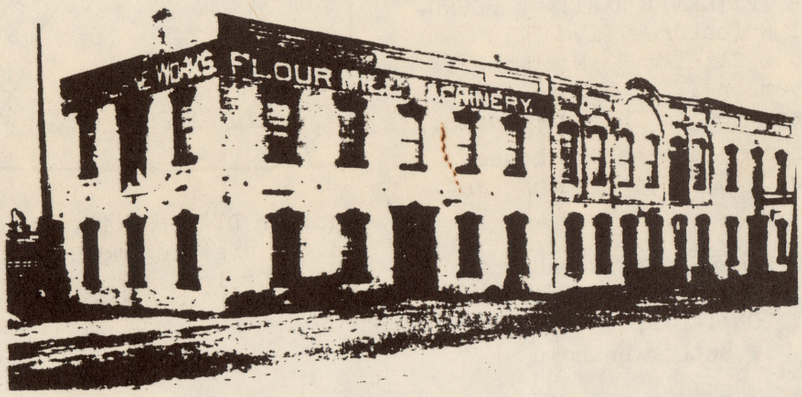
All Aboard!

...I would like to extend my personal congratulations to you and the Depot Town Association for the success of the Festival... You and your Association can have a feeling of pride in seeing all of your hard work turn out so well. The Association's work on the Farmers' Market and the FEstival this summer has shown what can be done if people just get out and work for an idea or goal. Too many times in this community I have seen people just sit around and complain on how bad things are and never do anything about it. I hope these people will look at Depot Town and see what can be done if people just try. Congratulations again and thanks for a job well done.
Daniel K. Heliker
Deputy Chief of Police

...It was an outstanding event which was both enjoyable and memorable. It was not only an enlightening experience, but it served to bring people of Ypsilanti closer together and to help them understand and appreciate the historical significance of Ypsilanti...
Jack D. Minzey, Head, Department of Educational Leadership, EMU

...After all the time and effort the Association has put forth, it must be very gratifying to now be experiencing a "renaissance" in Depot Town. ...the streets were very crowded during the Festival and I am certain everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. I am already looking forward to this event next year.
Carl D. Pursell
Congressman, 2nd District

...Indeed, I have never seen such enthusiastic support in all my years as an elected official...My second purpose in writing is to offer my services in trying to obtain continued state assistance for the festival if it is your desire to make this an annual event. In this context, I hope to be hearing from you soon with your comments on the matter.
Gary M. Owen
State Representative
22nd District

HURON VALLEY OFFICE PRODUCTS INC. has moved into the old Follet House at 19 E. Cross. Glen VanTAssell and his family are welcome additions to the block. Glen is active in international "barbershopping." Perhaps he will bring those talents to the neighborhood, as well. In announcing his move from downtown, an Ypsilanti Press article told of the "large amount of walk-in traffic available in a now-bustling Depot Town because of the new Farmers' Market, and large amounts of free parking available." Sounds like the kind of hype we usually write about ourselves!

JOHN HOLLOWELL AND NANCY AND BOB HARRINGTON recently purchased the building at 306-313 N. River. H. Shaffer established an iron foundry here in the 1840's. For many years, the building was known as the Ypsilanti Machine Works. Signage on the rear identifies it as the Ypsilanti Flour Mill. Washtenaw Cartage, Lawson Upholstery and Warren Lewis now occupy the building. Hollowell & Harrington have already begun painting the exterior and have planted seven trees in front. Those familiar with their efforts on an old brewery in Ann Arbor are eager to see them apply their talents in Depot Town.